

Squarrose knapweed

Centaurea virgata var. *squarrosa*

Asteraceae = Compositae, the sunflower family

Category: EDRR

Background:

- Highly competitive weed that can displace native rangeland plants
- Well adapted to dry, disturbed areas and open habitats
- Spreads by seeds

Description:

- Perennial grows 1 ½ to 3 feet tall
- Rosette and lower leaves are deeply lobed, upper leaves are bract-like
- Four to eight rose-purple colored flowers on highly branched stems
- Central spine on bract reflexed downward



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